



**Greater Los Angeles Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League**

Newsletter 452 June 2023

GLA JACL is inviting you to:

Topic: GLA JACL MEMBERS MEETING

Time: Jun 25, 2023 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Agenda:

- Kimi Sugiyama award given to GLA member Joyce Okazaki
- Volunteers needed for Programs, Newsletter and Website
- Upcoming events
- 2023 JACL National Convention updates
- GLA presents "Let's Dance" Mini-Dinner/Dance July 29

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85669328200?pwd=Z2hZMUUpGZUxHVWIKUTIBNjFsSGI0QT09>

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Kimi Sugiyama Award Given to Okazaki, Rosales

LONG BEACH—Each year the Kimi Sugiyama Human Service Award is presented to individuals in the Grace First Presbyterian and Long Beach Japanese American community who exhibit “outstanding creativity and self-sacrifice in extending God’s love to others.”

This year, the award was given to Joyce Okazaki, a crucial voice in the education of Japanese American internment, and David and Stacy Rosales, pillars of the Grace First Presbyterian Church community.

The award was established in 2002 by the Sugiyama family to honor the work of Kimi Sugiyama. Throughout her life, she was a leader in the Japanese American community, using her knowledge of law to help Japanese workers and immigrants receive the rights they deserved, and founding what would be known today as the Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center. Her devotion to the community was filled with kindness and God’s grace. The Kimi Sugiyama Human Service Award reflects the presence of this devotion and altruism in the community today.

Joyce Okazaki works toward a future with greater justice and reflection as she shares her experiences with individuals and generations unfamiliar with the injustice that was the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Living through being incarcerated in Manzanar, and the aftermath of the U.S. government’s actions towards Japanese Americans, she transformed her experience into education, going on to become an outspoken, dedicated voice in the ongoing challenge of keeping history alive and inspiring younger generations to learn from



Photo by Alan Nomoto/Grace First

From left: Kimi Sugiyama Human Service Award recipients Stacy and David Rosales and Joyce Okazaki.

mistakes of the past. Okazaki makes it her personal mission to reach out to individuals and organizations, speaking out about Japanese American concentration camps to make sure they use language that is accurate and respectful to the experience of Japanese Americans.

David and Stacy Rosales are vital members of the congregation at Grace First Presbyterian Church. Members since 1984, Grace First would not be the same without them. Stacy helps people wherever and

whenever she can, assisting with childcare and memorial services alike, showing that God’s grace can reach us at all points in life. From haircuts to computer repair, David does it all. Always looking to serve, he takes care of the needs of countless people in the community that can often be overlooked.

The award lives and breathes through the benevolence and faith of its recipients, who have dedicated themselves to bettering the community.



Greater Los Angeles JACL
presents:



“Let’s Dance”

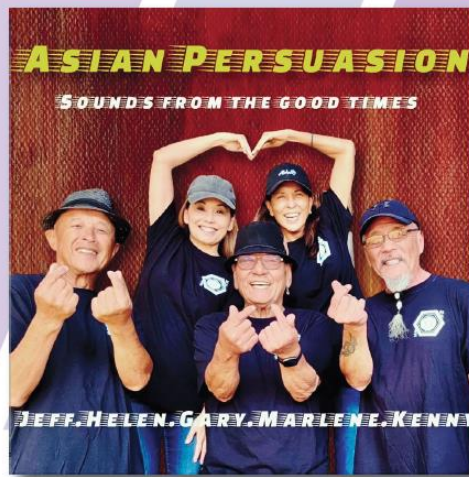
Scholarship and Chapter Fundraiser Mini-Dinner/Dance

Saturday, July 29, 2023 - 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Nakaoka Community Center - 1670 W 162nd St, Gardena, CA 90247

Line dancing led by: Toru Nagao

Live music and DJ by:



\$35.00 Advance RSVP by July 21, 2023 / \$45.00 at Door

For info and RSVP: greaterlajacl@gmail.com

\$35.00 Advance x _____ Number in your party = \$ _____ Total

Table of 8 – \$280.00 (Advance only)

Name of guests (Please print)

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ac-tiv-ist: A PERSONAL MEMOIR BY WARREN FURUTANI

Date: SATURDAY, July 8, 2023

Time: 2-4PM

Location: GVJCI Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall

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In his recently written memoir, “ac-tiv-ist, noun: a person who works to bring about political or social change”, Warren T. Furutani writes about his more than 50 years of being a student, community and political activist. The book reflects his perspective from different times in his life and his personal evolution and growth. It covers his role in helping organize the Asian and Pacific Islander American social justice movement, his career in community service, education and politics and a perspective on current issues and lessons learned. This program features a discussion with Warren Furutani and is free to the public. Books will be available for sale through pre-order when registering.

For questions, please contact Stephanie Mayeda smayeda@jci-gardena.org

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presents "GODZILLA" movie
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No RSVP required

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THERE WILL BE A SHORT REFLECTION AFTER THE MOVIES



2023 JACL National Convention

"Rooted in Community" - Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, CA

July 19 - 23, 2023



Join us for a sunny, lively, and invigorating 53rd JACL Convention, "Rooted in Community", in the heart of L.A.'s Little Tokyo!

Our 2023 theme of "Rooted in Community" perfectly encompasses your cultural immersion into Little Tokyo's community organizations, museums, history, and, of course, food and shopping! We want to continue the momentum from last year's theme, "Strengthening our Community Through Action."

What to Look Forward to in 2023:

- Celebrating in one of the only Japantowns in the nation!
- Welcome Reception at the Terasaki Budokan!
- Youth Awards luncheon
- Sayonara Banquet at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center! with special guests to be announced!
- Celebrities Confirmed! Special events: David Ono's "Defining Courage" and Tamlyn Tomita led reading of "Question 27, Question 28"
- 20 + Workshops (in-person and some virtual) for both JACL and Community Members
- Mixers, Community Events, and Other Ways to be Engaged!

- **National Council Session on Thursday, July 20**
- **Special VIRTUAL rates** if you can't come in person

To keep all participants as safe as possible, we will follow last year's Covid precautions. All JACL Convention attendees are required to be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine per the CDC's definition of being fully vaccinated effective July 5, 2023. In addition, attendees are required to wear a mask indoors except when eating. Please see our COVID-19 Certification, Acknowledgement, and Liability Waiver for more details.

Dress Code for Convention: Business Casual for all programs and receptions! Business formal for Sayonara Banquet only!

For Info: <https://jacl.org/2023-jacl-national-convention>